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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

(*Item 3 (c)*)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 9th meeting, on 7 June 2018, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (E/AC.51/2018/7).

2. The Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and, together with ECLAC representatives, responded to questions raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation for the OIOS report and supported the conclusions and recommendations contained therein. They recognized the efforts made by ECLAC to implement the evaluation recommendations, and welcomed the additional efforts by ECLAC, stressing that it should strive to reduce duplication and increase the impact of its work. A delegation commended ECLAC for the progress achieved, despite the resource challenges and pressures faced by the Commission.

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4. Several delegations underscored the importance of the work done by ECLAC for countries in the region, and its contribution to the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean. The efforts of ECLAC in support of policymaking in the region was highlighted by one delegation, which noted that ECLAC had celebrated its seventieth anniversary, and its work was recognized during the recent thirty-seventh session of the Commission, which was held in Havana, Cuba.

5. Delegations also welcomed the work done by ECLAC in support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, noting in particular the support it had provided to the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, and in that regard, ECLAC was encouraged to continue its work so that the Goals could be realized in the region.

6. A delegation expressed its country's long-standing support for ECLAC and remarked that the work and successes of ECLAC made it a reference for Latin America and the Caribbean and for other regional commissions. It further noted that ECLAC should serve as a model in the review of the development architecture that was to take place the following year. The delegation was also of the view that the notable successes of ECLAC called for strengthening the role of the regional commission, so as to bring greater effectiveness to its work, rather than for cutting its resources.

7. Regarding recommendation 2 on the development of a country-by-country engagement strategy, a delegation sought clarification on the inability of ECLAC to institute annual consultations with individual member States. Noting that the number of evaluations undertaken by ECLAC had increased, a delegation stressed the importance of setting up a separate evaluation unit in ECLAC to strengthen the monitoring and assessment of its work, and to conduct a systematic review of conference structures in particular.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on the programme evaluation of ECLAC.**

9. **The Committee expressed its appreciation for the efforts of ECLAC to implement the recommendations and recommended that the General Assembly encourage ECLAC to continue to focus on support to member States in order to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

10. **The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly encourage ECLAC to continue implementing the recommendations and to work towards overcoming the challenges encountered in that regard.**